

on the mission of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Admiral Nicholson goes above and beyond the call of duty with his attention to the communities he serves, actively engaging local leadership and stakeholders to ensure the welfare of the general public.

Admiral Nicholson's commitment to our Armed Services military began in the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering in 1993. He continued to build his foundation earning his master's degree in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a master's degree in National Security from the Naval War College. His background spans numerous command positions and numerous deployments around the world during his seagoing career.

Admiral Nicholson has further served in combat tours in Helmand, Afghanistan, and the Provincial Reconstruction Team and Forward Operating Base in Farah, Afghanistan. He also served in numerous ashore joint and staff billets including executive assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Assistant Deputy Director Middle East Directorate in the Joint Staff; Special Operations Support Team to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and head of the professional development section in the Chief of Naval Operations staff. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon, and various campaign and unit awards. He is also a 2015 recipient of the FBI's Director's Award.

As a first on Guam, Admiral Nicholson led unclassified briefings to multiple local leadership stakeholders on threats facing the island and region, engaging local Mayors, Senators, and Administration officials with unparalleled transparency that has served to build awareness of, confidence in, and partnership with the objectives of the Department of Defense.

The need to defend the territory of Guam from potential military threats is not limited to military establishments under Admiral Nicholson's leadership. Recent efforts to secure missile defense systems for the territory are taking a 360-degree focus to protect the entirety of the island, civilian and military alike, reassuring front-line Americans that they are protected, and reinforcing our safety and suitability to our critical visitor industry.

The food security and supply chain resilience for the region is strengthened in his work with our office to explore the feasibility of leasing Department of Defense lands for cattle grazing operations, further serving to advance local economic growth and diversification in a community that currently relies on over 90 percent of imported products.

With the island in the midst of a housing crisis due to labor shortages, material costs, and the tyranny of distance relative to American job and resource markets, Admiral Nicholson takes a mindful and creative approach in encouraging greater housing inventory to mitigate the civilian housing market impact of substantial military personnel relocation, and the subsequent growth of military housing needs.

Admiral Nicholson regularly and openly engages to address Veteran, Gold Star Family, and military dependent needs for access to

amenities located within military facilities, deftly navigating the complexities of a community seeking greater access to military support in balance with the needs of mission viability.

Poignantly, Admiral Nicholson continues to be an avid partner in addressing critical healthcare needs throughout the island and region, providing guidance and solutions as the territory navigates the largest investment in its history to establish a modern healthcare facility to meet modern day healthcare needs throughout Micronesia and beyond.

The service to the country in the work of Admiral Nicholson is nothing short of exemplary, not only in his ability to effectively lead and manage the military front lines of America in the Indo-Pacific, but to do so in a manner that reflects unprecedented mindfulness of the holistic value in building, maintaining, and reinforcing community confidence and support critical to mission success.

Madam Speaker, the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy are well served and represented by the command talent of Admiral Benjamin Nicholson who is a builder of allies, communities, and constituencies. I extend my gratitude to the Admiral for his invaluable service to our Nation and I commend him for his commitment to community engagement, civilian well-being, and his mission as Commander of Joint Region Marianas.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHRISTOPHER HALL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Christopher (Chris) Hall and his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Chris earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science & Government from Hampden-Sydney College. During his time there, he was a member of their baseball team and the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, he earned his Juris Doctor from Elon University School of Law. As a law student, he served as a Law Clerk on the 15th Judicial Circuit Court.

After graduating from law school, Chris served as a Law Clerk for LobbyIt and as Legislative Counsel for the Keelen Group, LLC.

Chris joined my office as a Legislative Assistant in December 2018, eventually working his way up to become my Senior Counsel. He contributed tremendously to my work on the House Committee on Natural Resources, expanding broadband to underserved communities, improving transportation infrastructure, and more. His work has been invaluable.

I would like to thank Chris for his contributions and dedicated service over the last four years. He has been a key member of my legislative team and staff, and I wish him all the best as he continues his journey here in the Capitol as the Legislative Director for Congressman Thomas Kean.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Chris Hall for his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation. May God bless Chris as he continues his career in public service.

HONORING ROBERT LOW

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Low, the founder of Prime, Inc.

Robert Low founded Prime, Inc. in Urbana, Missouri in 1970 and in 1980 moved its corporate headquarters to Springfield, Missouri. Today, Prime, Inc. is a leader in Refrigerated, Flatbed, Tanker, Floral, and Intermodal transportation with fifteen locations throughout the United States. Prime Inc. is the largest refrigerated trucking company in North America.

Prime transports a variety of goods throughout the contiguous United States, Canada and Mexico. With a fleet of 7,816 tractors, 10,726 refrigerated trailers, 1,284 flatbed trailers, 620 tank trailers, and 2,041 Intermodal trailers, Prime's gross revenues were \$2.4 billion with an 85.7 percent operating ratio in the fiscal year of 2021. Prime has approximately 12,000 driver and non-driver associates and has been recognized as one of the Top 20 Best Fleets to Drive For by Carrier's Edge/TCA for 8 years straight.

Robert has been Vice President At-Large, an Executive Committee member and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Trucking Association. He is also a past Chairman of the Truckload Carriers Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors. In 2000 he received the prestigious "Missourian" Award. This honor is given to citizens of the State of Missouri that have outstanding achievements in the fields of business, government or the arts. He was a finalist for the National Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and recipient of the Springfield Business Journal Lifetime Achievement Award. Robert has also served on the Board of Directors of Bethel University in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Robert and his wife, Lawana, also own the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri as well as the Palace Casino Resort and the Preserve Golf Club in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Lows reside on a 330-acre horse farm called Primatara that is in North Springfield, Missouri where they raise thoroughbred racehorses. Two, of which, have made it to the Kentucky Derby in recent years.

Madam Speaker, since 1970, Robert Low has successfully managed a trucking company with operations all across North America, and that is no easy feat. I wish to congratulate him on all of his success, and wish him all the best.

HONORING MICHAEL FINNEY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael A. Finney, the first Black President & CEO of the Miami-Dade Beacon Council. He is newly inducted into 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and is the recipient of the 2022 5000 Role Models of Excellence Martin L. King, Jr. Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.

Mr. Finney guides the official economic development partnership for Miami-Dade County